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Accounts. The former answer was thought to imply that there was a loss estimated but it could not be disclosed. Is it not? Now the present answer is that he has not estimated the loss at all. The answerthen given was that the information could not be published then. It was assumed that the Comptroller had estimated the loss but you were not prepared to give the information at that stage. The present answer would show that he has not estimated the loss at all. Now the answer is not correct.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The Comptroller has not estimated the loss.

President.—Why could you not say it there? One may infer that there was some information available, but that you were unable to disclose it then. Now you say he has not estimated the loss. The former answer may not be quite correct.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Perhaps the loss was estimated by the officer in charge of the local audit.

President.—By whom was the loss estimated? Did the local audit officer estimate the loss ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Government estimated the loss.

President.—Not the Comptroller ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know the amount of loss that was estimated ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The loss was estimated at about 13 thousand and odd rupees.

Audit report of the Southern Divisional Forest Office.

216. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the audit report of the accounts of the Southern Divisional Forest Office for the 1st quarter of 1103 with the connected report on the accounts of the Office of the Conservator of Forests ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Government regret that, in the interests of the Departments concerned, they are unable to place the reports on the Table.

Amount spent as T. A. on account of the Legislative Council.

217. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state in print in a tabular form the amount of T. A. drawn (1) for Legislative Council work, (2) as Members of Committees appointed by Government and the Council by the non-official Members of the Cochin Legislative Council from the date of inception of the Council till now ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(1)

Year	Amount. Rs.
1100	1,696—0—0
1101	4,887—0—0
1102	6,868—0—0
1103	4,530—0—0
1104	8,027—4—0
1105 till 27-6-1105	3,698—3—0

(2) Since the time and labour required to collect the information is very great, it has not been possible to do it.

Opening of a road from Shoranur road to Machad.

218. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the progress that has been made in connection with the opening of the road from 12/2 of Shoranur road to Machad for which Rs. 5,000 has been allotted in this year's budget;

(b) what is the estimated cost of the work;

(c) when does the Government expect to complete the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) There is already a road to Machad from 12/2 of the Shoranur road. It requires only slight improvements. It is now proposed to improve this road utilising for it a portion of the allotment, the balance being utilised for opening a road to Enkakad from 11/7 of the Shoranur road.

(b) Estimates are under preparation.

(c) The work is expected to be completed within 10 months.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know whether the allotment of Rs. 5,000 in the 1105 budget was made without any estimates being prepared beforehand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. When that allotment was made, no estimates have been prepared.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Why is it that the Government has proposed to divert a portion of that allotment to another road, for the opening of a road from Enkakad?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Representations have been received from Vadakkancheri to say that the road to Enkakad will be more desirable and that it is enough if the road to Machad is improved. This road has already been taken up. We thought that the road taken up was more urgent than the other road.

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